

## Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER)

### NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

USAID/Indonesia is partnering with USAID's Office of Science & Technology in Washington to support collaborations in scientific research under a new program called Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER). PEER is a joint effort between USAID and the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF makes major investments each year that fund U.S. scientists to conduct international research, but NSF can only fund the U.S. side of international collaborations. Through PEER, USAID will support scientists in developing countries to engage in research projects with NSF-funded researchers. There are currently many on-going NSF projects in Indonesia and many other NSF-funded scientists working on topics of relevance to Indonesia.

#### Applying to PEER

- The U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is USAID's implementing partner for PEER and will receive PEER proposals, coordinate proposal review, make and manage PEER awards.
- PEER proposals will be written by Indonesian scientists, and awards will be made to Indonesian institutions.
- Complete program details are now available at [www.nationalacademies.org/peer](http://www.nationalacademies.org/peer). The deadline for the first round of PEER proposals is **November 30, 2011**.

#### Indonesian researchers:

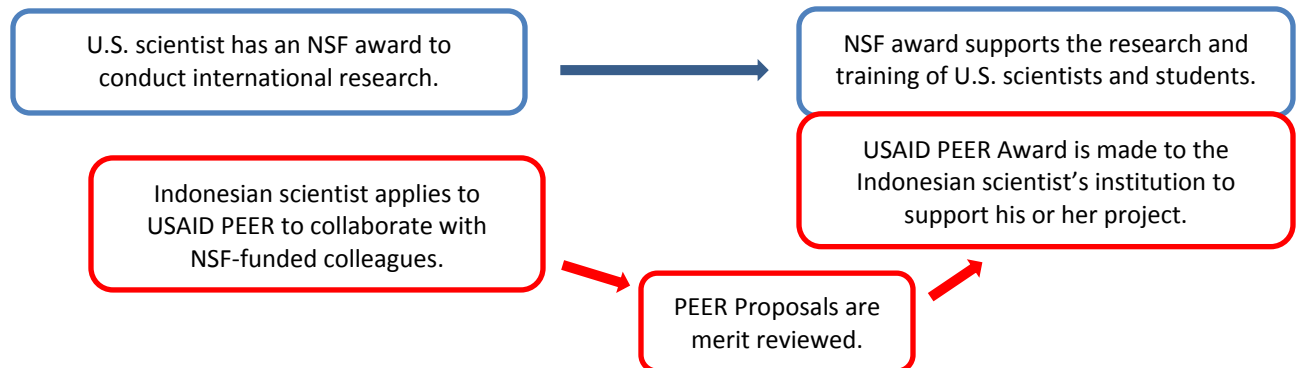
- Researchers are encouraged to contact their existing U.S. collaborators to see if they have NSF support and would like to partner through PEER.
- Researchers looking to build new collaborations with U.S. scientists through PEER are encouraged to visit the NSF awards database (<http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/>) to identify relevant NSF-funded projects and scientists with active NSF awards in research areas of interest.

#### U.S. researchers:

- Researchers with active NSF awards are encouraged to contact their Indonesian or prospective Indonesian collaborator about the possibility of having him or her submit a proposal to PEER.
- Supplemental funding to existing NSF awards may be available upon request (see International Collaboration and Co-Funding at: <http://www.nsf.gov/oise>).



## How does PEER work?



## Additional Information

- Activities that may be supported under PEER include education and training; technology dissemination; application and adaptation of new technologies; support for students, postdoctoral associates, and researchers; international travel; communications; equipment, materials, and supplies for developing country institutions; research networks; and international workshops.
- Competitive PEER proposals will focus on research that is compatible with the U.S. partner's NSF-funded project AND addresses development-related outcomes that are consistent with the objectives of USAID/Indonesia (<http://indonesia.usaid.gov/en/home>).
- Research topics of interest include food security, climate change, global health, and other development topics (<http://www.nationalacademies.org/peer>).
- All PEER Indonesia projects must contribute to USAID/Indonesia's higher education objectives by addressing one or more of the following:
  - Improving instructional delivery through better teaching methods and more relevant curricula in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) field.
  - Enhancing research skills and methods in a STEM field.
  - Building quality extension services that engage external stakeholders on topics related to STEM.

## Questions about PEER

- For general questions on applying to PEER please contact NAS ([PEER@nas.edu](mailto:PEER@nas.edu)).
- For questions specific to PEER in Indonesia, please contact Mark Doyle ([mdoyle@usaid.gov](mailto:mdoyle@usaid.gov)).